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SUBJECT: U.S. VIEWS ON CIEC

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1. TALKING POINTS DELIVERED TO ECONOMIC DEPT. MEA 4/27. IN
ABSENCE OF ECONOMIC DEPT. DIRECTOR AFOLABI WHO ALREADY IN PARIS,
DEPT. DIRECTOR ANI RECEIVED MESSAGE AND MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

2. MEA HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR PRESENTATIONS FROM CANADA AND UK
AND APPRECIATES EFFORT BY G-8 TO BE RESPONSIVE TO CONCERNS OF
G-19M AFTER 18 MONTHS OF CIEC, LATTER GROUP IS PESSIMISTIC AND
DISILLUSIONED BECAUSE LITTLE IN WAY OF CONCRETE RESULTS HAS
EMERGED. REGRETTABLY, TALKING POINTS PRESENTED BY EMBASSY
TEND TO CONFIRM THAT A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM IN UNDERSTANDING STILL
EXISTS. G-8 AND G-19 HAVE WHOLLY DIFFERENT CONCEPTIONS OF CIEC'S
ROLE AND THESE OPPOSING VIEWS MAKE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS DIFFICULT.

3. ACCORDING TO ANI, G-19 BELIEVES CIEC, AS A "HIGH MINISTERIAL
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BODY", SHOULD DISCUSS IN A "COHENSIVE MANNER" ALL RELATED PROB-
LEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH EMPHASIS ON
ENERGY, DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND RAW MATERIALS, AND FORMULATE
AGREEMENTS. THESE WOULD SERVE AS ENABLING ACTS UNDER WHICH
UNCTAD, IBRD AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES WOULD CARRY OUT
PROGRAMS. IN ESSENCE, CIEC SHOULD AUTHORIZE ACTIONS NOT JUST
FACILITATE THEM.

4. ANI FURTHER OPINED THAT G-8 SEES CIEC SIMPLY AS A FORUM FOR DISCUSSION WHICH WILL STIMULATE ACTIVITY AND DECISIONS ELSEWHERE. IT HAS BEEN MISUSED AS "AN OIL TO LUBRICATE UNCTAD."

5. IN ANI'S VIEW, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE AN HONEST REVIEW BUT IT CONTINUES WITH THE MISCONCEPTION THAT CIEC IS NOT FIT TO MAKE AGREEMENTS. THIS CLEARLY IN CONFLICT WITH THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS CONFERENCE OF JULY 8-10, 1976. THE TEXT OF THAT DOCUMENT STATES IN PART: "CIEC SHOULD FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR EQUITABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION INCLUDING AGREEMENTS, DECISIONS, COMMITMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS."

6. ANI AND STAFF BELIEVE THAT IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO NARROW THE GAP IN UNDERSTANDING. TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE ANI URGES THAT THE US AND NIGERIAN DELEGATIONS CONFER PRIVATELY IN PARIS BEFORE THE CONTACT GROUPS MEET. AFOLABI WILL BE THERE FROM NOW UNTIL MAY 2. ANI WILL ARRIVE ON APRIL 30 AND REMAIN THROUGH MAY 14.

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